

Montana Communities with 1970 population of 2,000 or more

CITY			COUNTRY			TRANSPORTATION						PROGRAMS			TAXES(2)			
Location	Name	Population	Name	Population	Light	Airports	Railroad	Number of Service(1)	Major Trucklines	Major Highways	Com., Plan.	Local	Industrial Development Corporation	In City Plan?	Actual Tax Paid	Per Square Foot of Marketable Value	Natural Resources in Area	
S C	Billings	61,581	Yellowstone	87,367	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN,M	10	1-94,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	\$27.48	Coal,oil	Yellowstone	2,275 19,822	49 290	257 1,557 84 2,841 126 1,681 910 8,663 205 1,321 644 3,469 Billings
C	Great Falls	60,091	Cascade	81,804	4 mi. 4 mi.	BN,M	6	1-15,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	30.96	Iron ore,coal	Cascade	1,645 15,548	6 41	200 1,506 52 2,625 77 1,123 677 6,435 165 1,263 468 2,555 Great Falls
W C	Missoula	29,497	Missoula	50,263	5 mi. 5 mi.	BN,M	5	1-90,US-93	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	30.72	Timber	Missoula	1,368 12,430	6 6	191 977 95 3,253 87 951 475 4,499 120 622 394 2,122 Missoula
S W	Butte	23,368	Silver Bow	41,981	4 mi. 4 mi.	BN,M,C,UP	4	1-90,US-91	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	29.04	Minerals,timber	Silver Bow	885 9,390	9 3,443	81 423 35 625 38 454 403 3,020 76 444 247 1,181 Butte
C	Helena	22,730	Lewis & Clark	33,281	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN	8	1-15,US-12	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	31.92	Timber,minerals	Lewis & Clark	843 6,895	10 15	98 664 40 907 28 931 319 2,209 84 824 264 1,341 Helena
S C	Bozeman	18,670	Gallatin	32,505	10 mi. 10 mi.	BN,M	3	1-90,US-191	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	28.44	Timber,asbestos	Gallatin	770 4,902	1 16	84 409 61 863 32 216 298 1,996 45 337 249 1,065 Bozeman
H C	Havre	10,558	Hill	17,359	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN	1	US-1,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	31.92	Natural gas	Hill	354 2,361	2 12	40 136 12 161 20 210 157 1,193 29 160 94 489 Havre
N W	Kalispell	10,526	Flathead	39,460	8 mi. 2 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	24.84	Timber,minerals	Flathead	995 7,767	5 33	97 375 128 3,207 62 435 384 2,446 58 359 261 912 Kalispell
S W	Anaconda	9,771	Deer Lodge	15,652	30 mi. 5 mi.	BA,UP	3	US-10A	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	28.68	Timber	Deer Lodge	221 3,209	2 398	24 108 7 1,744 10 72 110 606 18 106 50 175 Anaconda
S E	Miles City	9,023	Custer	12,174	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN,M	1	1-94,US-312	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	25.68	Coal	Custer	335 2,176	6 22	50 255 7 98 19 196 133 1,048 24 120 96 437 Miles City
S C	Livingston	6,683	Park	11,197	35 mi. 5 mi.	BN	4	1-97,US-89	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	37.12	Coal,timber	Park	311 1,641	1 --	23 121 29 282 11 110 137 612 21 159 99 357 Livingston
C	Levistown	6,437	Fergus	12,611	1 mi. 1 mi.	BN,M	2	US-87,US-191	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	26.88	Timber,Gypsum	Fergus	348 1,709	6 14	40 200 18 147 16 90 169 79 28 110 80 357 Levistown
E C	Glendive	6,305	Dawson	11,228	8 mi. 8 mi.	BN	3	1-94,US-10	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	27.28	Oil,gas,coal	Dawson	271 2,059	20 192	37 168 8 87 17 400 102 766 19 105 68 331 Glendive
N E	Glasgow	4,700	Valley	11,471	2 mi. 2 mi.	BN	1	US-2	Yes	Yes	1	No	26.04	Natural gas,oil	Valley	264 1,913	1 8	41 174 8 631 15 138 129 688 13 97 57 177 Glasgow
S W	Oilon	4,548	Beaverhead	8,187	65 mi. 2 mi.	UP	2	1-15,US-91	No	Yes	1	No	23.64	Talc,minerals	Beaverhead	205 854	9 15	22 42 7 46 10 165 96 472 9 48 52 166 Dillon
E C	Sidney	4,543	Richland	9,837	1 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	Mont-200,Mont-16	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	22.08	Petroleum	Richland	239 1,519	10 37	42 99 11 251 13 107 100 644 13 90 50 291 Sidney
S C	Laurel	4,454	Yellowstone	87,367	15 mi. 1 mi.	BN	6	1-90,US-310	No	Yes	1	No	27.48	Gas,oil	Yellowstone	2,275 19,822	49 290	257 1,557 84 2,841 126 1,681 910 8,663 205 1,321 644 3,469 Laurel
S W	Deer Lodge	4,306	Powell	6,660	35 mi. 1 mi.	BN,M	2	1-90	Yes	No	1	Yes	28.92	Metals,timber	Powell	122 733	5 110	6 14 25 5 20 49 239 7 44 36 89 Deer Lodge
N W	Cut Bank	4,004	Glacier	10,783	11 mi. 3 mi.	BN	1	US-12	Yes	Yes	1	No	20.76	Oil,gas	Glacier	290 1,687	23 154	29 142 7 61 14 114 138 619 10 65 69 532 Cut Bank
N W	Whitefish	3,349	Flathead	39,460	9 mi. 9 mi.	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	No	26.52	Timber	Flathead	995 7,767	5 33	97 375 128 3,207 62 435 384 2,446 58 359 261 912 Whitefish
N W	Libby	3,286	Lincoln	18,063	100 mi. 3 mi.	BN	2	US-2	Yes	Yes	2	No	26.88	Timber	Lincoln	396 3,960	6 263	67 1,066 75 1,607 18 123 139 597 11 65 80 239 Libby
N C	Shelby	3,111	Toole	5,839	88 mi. 2 mi.	BN	1	1-15,US-2	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	26.88	Natural gas,oil	Toole	224 1,061	36 111	16 139 7 64 16 161 97 377 8 42 44 167 Shelby
N E	Wolf Point	3,095	Roosevelt	10,365	3 mi. 3 mi.	BN	2	US-2,Mont-13	No	No	1	Yes	27.69	Oil,coal	Roosevelt	235 1,045	10 39	13 21 7 53 9 64 138 540 10 71 48 257 Wolf Point
N C	Conrad	2,770	Pondera	6,611	60 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	1-15	Yes	Yes	1	No	21.36	Oil,gas	Pondera	167 794	8 28	24 156 5 24 10 34 75 395 8 52 37 105 Conrad
S C	Hardin	2,773	Big Horn	10,057	50 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	1-90,Mont-47	Yes	Yes	1	No	20.04	Natural gas	Big Horn	199 1,034	5 50	22 81 7 238 15 58 95 413 13 58 42 136 Hardin
N W	Columbia Falls	2,652	Flathead	39,460	8 mi. 8 mi.	BN	3	US-2	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	23.76	Timber	Flathead	995 7,767	5 33	97 375 128 3,207 62 435 384 2,446 58 359 261 912 Columbia Falls
S E	Baker	2,584	Fallon	4,050	80 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	US-12,Mont-7	Yes	No	1	Yes	23.04	Oil,natural gas	Fallon	120 562	7 95	14 41 5 20 11 100 55 206 7 41 21 58 Baker
S W	Hamilton	2,499	Ravalli	14,409	47 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	US-93	Yes	No	1	Yes	29.40	Timber	Ravalli	322 1,503	3 14	32 45 40 414 31 111 121 561 18 89 77 269 Hamilton
N W	Polson	2,464	Lake	14,445	50 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	US-93	Yes	Yes	3	No	26.76	Timber	Lake	285 1,295	--	30 133 18 342 12 51 138 519 18 74 69 176 Polson
N E	Plentywood	2,381	Sheridan	5,779	85 mi. 1 mi.	BN	1	Mont-5,Mont-16	No	Yes	1	No	22.92	Oil	Sheridan	152 604	8 30	16 26 1 7 9 47 78 376 8 41 32 77 Plentywood
N E	Malta	2,195	Phillips	5,386	70 mi. 1 mi.	BN	1	US-2,US-191	No	No	1	No	23.04	Bentonite,natural gas	Phillips	120 462	3 5	16 21 4 25 8 40 63 251 3 22 23 98 Malta
C	Roundup	2,116	Musselshell	3,734	45 mi. 1 mi.	BN	2	US-12,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	22.56	Coal,timber	Musselshell	115 503	14 132	7 10 11 32 5 18 48 201 8 34 22 76 Roundup

(1) Montana's rail services are indicated above by the following:

BW--Burlington Northern M--Milwaukee Road

UP--Union Pacific BA--Butte, Anaconda & Pacific

(2) Property is divided into ten classes for taxation purposes. In Montana, most properties are assessed at approximately 40% of their true and full value. This is further reduced, depending on which class applies (30% for land, buildings, and equipment) was used above to reach a taxable value which was multiplied by the applicable mill levy.

(3) Interstate Railroads not included

(4) Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry

AVERAGE EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Mining	\$9,047	\$8,474	\$7,930	\$7,497	\$7,197	\$6,764	\$6,578	\$6,314	\$6,316
Construction	9,205	8,491	7,873	7,709	7,167	7,006	6,405	6,414	6,583
Manufacturing	7,626	7,187	6,881	6,508	6,373	6,147	5,911	5,615	5,572
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	7,803	7,358	7,036	6,630	6,397	6,017	5,871	5,636	5,405
Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	5,152	4,882	4,694	4,485	4,337	4,202	4,074	3,953	3,890
Fin., Ins. & Real Estate	6,489	6,132	5,924	5,634	5,350	5,125	4,867	4,694	4,504
Ser. & Misc.	4,220	3,945	3,746	3,523	3,304	3,290	3,177	3,136	3,086
All Covered Industries	6,320	5,948	5,689	5,428	5,253	5,097	4,903	4,759	4,724

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry

A Few Facts About Montana

Montana averages 500 miles long by nearly 300 miles wide. It contains 147,000 sq. miles of area and it is the 4th largest state in the United States. Its northern border extends 1/5 of the distance across the United States. The western one-third of Montana is mountainous while the eastern two-thirds consists of plains broken by isolated mountain groups.

Elevations vary from a high of 12,800 ft. in southcentral Montana to a low of about 1,000 ft. at both the eastern and western borders where the rivers leave the State. The average elevation of Montana is about 3,400 ft. and this is the lowest of all the Rocky Mountain States.

Montana has four major rivers: The Missouri, the Yellowstone, the Clark Fork, and the Kootenai. The combined average annual flow of water leaving the State from these rivers is 42,000,000 acre-feet.

Precipitation varies from a minimum of only 6-8 inches per year to a maximum of 120 inches per year at a location in Glacier National Park. The average precipitation for the State is 15 inches per year. Most of Montana's cities are located in areas which receive less than 17 inches of precipitation per year.

Montana's winters are usually milder than those of several metropolitan cities in the Midwest. The State's average maximum daytime temperature in January is +29°F. However, wide fluctuations in temperature are not uncommon.

Montana's population is 694,409 people. This is less than five persons per sq. mile. However, 1/3 of Montana's population resides in its six largest cities.

Montana has nine senior colleges and universities. Six are State supported and three are private institutions. In addition there are three community junior colleges and six post-graduate schools of which five are state supported and one is locally supported. Approximately 43 percent of Montana's eligible college-age youths are enrolled in these institutions of higher learning. Total college enrollment in Montana is approximately 28,000 students.

Four airline companies (Northwest Airlines, Western Airlines, Frontier Airlines, and Hughes Air West) provide commercial service to the State

Montana's major sources of basic income are: Agriculture (crops & livestock marketed, plus government payments, 1969) - \$610,000,000; Value added by manufacturing (1968) - \$532,000,000; Minerals Produced (1969) - \$310,000,000, and Tourism (out-of-state visitors, 1970) - \$148,000,000.

The total average number of people employed in Montana in 1970 was 282,100. Included in this total were \$2,400 in government, 48,200 in wholesale/retail trade, 33,200 in agriculture, 33,500 in services, 23,600 in manufacturing, 10,900 in contract construction, 8,100 in finance/insurance/real estate; and 6,700 in mining.

Average Hourly Earnings Range

10 Largest Communities (5)

	Unskilled	Semi-skilled	Skilled
Male:	\$1.60-3.22	\$2.35-4.13	\$3.70-6.30
Female:	1.42-2.12	1.89-2.78	2.33-3.37

Source: Local Chambers of Commerce

32 Reasons to Check MONTANA

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